

**Oregon Tualatin Valley
Amateur Radio Club**

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Our 30th Anniversary Year

The Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club is a special service club related to ARRL: The National Association for Amateur Radio. We seek to advance the Amateur Radio Service through:

- ⇒ Education and Training of new and licensed amateurs
- ⇒ Public Service and Emergency communication
- ⇒ Hobby nets, contests and meetings
- ⇒ Social events

Membership is available to anyone. An amateur radio license is not required.

Education and Training of New and Licensed Amateurs

One of the objectives of Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club is education and training. We sponsor classes for those entering the amateur radio service and upgrade classes to help Technician Class licensees upgrade to General Class.

In September, our Technician Class License series registered nearly twenty persons for the three-session class held on Saturdays. Janet Bell WB7FJC and John Anderson KA7BRZ are coordinators for these classes. Many of our members first licensed in a Technician Class series offered by the club.

In October, we are offering the General Class Upgrade series. This four-session series is taught over a one-week period on two Saturday mornings and the intervening Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The General Class exam is administered by our Volunteer Examiners on the closing Saturday afternoon. Registration for this series is open. Send an email to otvarc@gmail.com to put your name on the list.

Do you know someone who should know about our education efforts? Refer them to our website, www.otvarc.org/Education.

OUR CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, October 8th

Our October 8th Club Meeting will be held at The Peppermill Restaurant, Beaverton. We meet at 7:00 pm. Come at 6:00 pm and order off The Peppermill menu.

Check out our web site: www.otvarc.org for information on our program this month. Family members and friends are welcome to come with you. Guests are always welcome and an amateur radio license is not required.

50th ANNIVERSARY JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

When Scouts want to meet young people from another country, they usually think of attending a World Jamboree. But few people realize that each year more than 400,000 Scouts and Guides "get together" over the airwaves for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air. JOTA is held the third weekend in October, THIS YEAR October 17 - 19. JOTA takes place starting Saturday at 12 am and runs to Sunday, 11:59 pm to take advantage of long distance (DX) time differences. Modern technology offers Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without leaving home.

JOTA is an annual event in which Boy and Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of Amateur Radio. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared via radio waves. Since 1958 when the first Jamboree-on-the-Air was held, millions of Scouts have met each other through this event. Many contacts made during JOTA have resulted in pen pals and links between Scout troops that have lasted many years.

With no restrictions on age or on the number of participants, and at little or no expense, JOTA allows Scouts to contact each other by ham radio. The radio stations are operated by licensed amateur radio operators. Many Scouts and leaders hold licenses and have their own stations, but the majority participate in JOTA through stations operated by local radio clubs and individual radio amateurs. Some operators use television or computer-linked communications. You can invite Scouts you know, a Troop or Pack related to an organization you belong to, or simply contact a local group with an invitation to your station.

SWAPTOBERFEST

Swaptoberfest is here! It'll be held on October 25th at the Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall. Swaptoberfest is sponsored by Mid-Valley ARES. Registration is \$8.00 per person to Mid-Valley ARES, PO Box 27, Monmouth, OR 97361. Include a SASE for ticket return.

You can find out more at the SwapToberFest Website: <http://www.swaptoberfest.net/>

LUNCH BUNCH

Saturday, October 25th - 12:00 Noon

Lunch Room
Swaptoberfest
Rickreall, Oregon

Information?
Linda KC7YTD
503.246.8879

ED ELDER KE7DOL SK

We are sorry to report that Edwin E. Elder KE7DOL, a member of OTVARC since Apr 6, 2005 when he received his Technician Class license has become a silent Key.

Ed was born February 7, 1929 and passed away on May 27, 2008. He served in the United States Navy and was interested in astronomy as well as amateur radio.

Our condolences to his widow, Carolyn Elder. Your communications may be directed to her at:

Carolyn Elder
3575 SW 86TH Ave
Portland OR 97225-2824

WAS WATCH

Our Club Station W7OTV has been active in a variety of settings this last year. Currently we need Arkansas, New Jersey, Florida, Maine and North Dakota for WAS with W7OTV.

WAS WATCH

VERIFIED CONTACTS	45
NEED	5

Fifth Wednesday - October 29th

The Fifth Wednesday Contest is a demonstration of our ability to make simplex contacts on 2 meters. Join us from 8:00 - 9:00 pm on Wednesday, October 29th on 147.54 MHz.

Hello, This is Kristin from the Club Elections Committee

We are gathering nominations for the club's election 2009. Please nominate fellow club members who have been in the club longer than a year. We will send out ballots in November for counting at the December meeting.

We have about a month left for inviting your fellow club members to run for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or a Trustee position. Trustees serve for a two year term, the others serve for a one year term.

To nominate an outstanding club member, please tell your nominee something about them or their activity that impresses on you that they would be a good addition to our club board. Tell them why you want them to run and inform one of the Elections Committee members: Rick Banton, Sharon Coan, Kathleen Haupt or Kristin Tomson.



Your Nominees do not have to accept. We ask those who can and are able, to participate in the election and ultimately provide input to the Board of Directors.

Thank you.

Kristin K7KWT

Board Representative for OTVARC elections committee

k7kwt@arrl.net

TRAVELERS' OCTOBER POTLUCK

The Travelers' will have a potluck at the home of Verna Mae and Darwin Durr (K7PSD) east of Salem at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

Because of possible inclement weather, we will have a potluck consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages to be provided by the Durrs. Salads and deserts will be furnished by those attending.

Please RSVP at K7PSD@msn.com or call 503.587.8633 to determine what you wish to bring.

Directions from Portland Area

Take Exit 253 off I-5

Turn left (East) on Hwy. 22 to Joseph St. (Exit 5)

Turn left on 71st - approximately one block

Turn right on Jordan to 75th

Turn left on 75th to Pudding Creek Drive
(Waldo Hills sign)

Turn right on Pudding Creek Drive
(Last house on right)

8142 Pudding Creek Drive, SE

This link will take you to a Google Map:
<http://tinyurl.com/6e8hem>

FIFTY-SIX APPLICANTS IN VE SESSIONS

August saw a fairly busy session, with fifteen applicants. There were seven new licensees: six new Technician Class licensees and one Extra Class licensees. We had five upgrades to General Class. Three applicants, one each attempting Technician, General, and Extra, will study some more and try again.

Thanks to VEs Everett, W6ABM; Will, N7THL; Dennis, AC7UY; and Russ, N7QR for working the August session with me.

We had a big surprise in September - a roster of forty-one applicants, which I believe is a record for our group. This was due to a class that was recently held by an LDS church group. What a lot of new hams they're turning out! Many of the applicants were family groups ranging from two to four family members, some of whom appeared to be not much more than eight years old.

I had a little bit of advance warning of the onslaught and brought a few extra tables so that we could seat two VE teams plus 24 applicants at one time. I prepared my roster in order of when I was contacted by the applicants, walk-ins of course being below everyone who phoned or emailed me. As applicants finished and left, their seats were filled by others who were waiting. It was busy but fairly orderly and as I recall we got through in about three hours.

Applicants earned twenty-four new Technician licenses; two new Generals; and, three Extras. Twelve other applicants will study harder and try again soon. We have at least twenty-four more from the class who didn't take (or didn't pass) tests yet and are scheduling a special session at 10:00 am on September 27 for them.

Many thanks go to our examiners for the September session, who handled the crush without batting an eye: Everett W6ABM, Claire N7CM, Ernie K7EAJ, Rich KD7GIE, Dick KA7SPS, and Will N7THL.

Our next regularly scheduled session is Saturday October 4 at 1:00 pm at the Ronler Acres Fire Station in Hillsboro.

73, Carl WS7L

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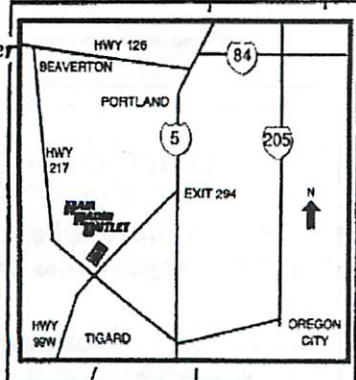
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Check the website for registration

25 October 2008**SwapToberFest**

Polk County Fair Grounds

Rickreall Oregon

Chris Portal W7CLP

503.559.7837

w7clp@arri.netwww.swaptoberfest.net/

Check Website for Registration Info

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Seaside Convention Center

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www.seapac.org**CLUB MEETING****At The Peppermill Restaurant
On October 8th****OTVARC ADDRESS:**

880 NE 25th Ave Ste 2-160

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otvarc@gmail.com**ONLINE CALENDAR:**my.calendars.net/otvarc/**Want to keep track of events
planned by various interest
groups within the club?****Want to check out the date
for upcoming contests,
projects, hamfests, etc.****Here is the place to start:
www.otvarc.org.****You'll find a link to our
club calendar page there,
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our web page lately? Is
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to see included there?**

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Happy October Birthday

1	Bob Young	KB7MFD
1	Barbara Riley	K6UZW
5	Ian McCallum	AD7QY
13	Steven Sanders	KE7JSS
15	Richard Banton	KD7THV
16	Bud Carswell	KB7NUO
17	Bud Butterfield	KC7PS
22	Richard Welk	KB7EW
22	Sam Senior	N7KJN
22	Edward	
	Pratasiewicz	KE7GXL
24	Tom Hicks	N7UBT
25	Jerry E. Miller	NB7P
28	Carl Clawson	WS7L
29	Dena Kent	K1DNA

Have we missed your birthday?
Likely we do not have your correct
date in our database.

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National Wildlife Refuge Week

John Forslin KC8ULE has been encouraging amateur radio operation each year during National Wildlife Refuge Week. He'd like to encourage you to activate one of the 540 wildlife refuges in the system during the week of October 12 - 18. He suggests using mobiles to add our local refuge to those who have participated. The goal is to call attention to these assets in our community.

The one located in our immediate area is *The Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge* located within the floodplain of the Tualatin River basin near Sherwood. The concept of creating the refuge originated from local citizens, cities, and governments, so it enjoys strong popular support, stemming from a desire to preserve green space where future generations can take part in outdoor recreation and education. Habitats include remnant and restored communities along rivers and streams, emergent, shrub, and forested wetlands, riparian forests, oak and pine meadows and grasslands, and mixed deciduous/coniferous forests common to western Oregon prior to settlement.

These habitats are known primarily for their importance to salmon and steelhead, wintering Canada goose, pintail and mallard ducks, and for providing breeding habitat for songbirds.

You can find other Oregon Wildlife Refuges at:
<http://www.fws.gov/refuges/refugeLocatorMaps/Oregon.html>

Full information on National Wildlife Refuge Radio operation may be found at:
<http://www.nwrweek-radio.info/>



Read notes from president,
Robert WN7O here...or online at
 the club website:
www.otvarc.org/president/index.html

At the web site, you'll find past BARREL contributions, copies of *The OSCILLATOR*, plus other up-to-date information on the life of Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club.

A Busy Weekend on the Air

September 12 - 13 was a busy weekend on the air. It seems like September is always a busy time, it's the end of summer and students are heading back to school. Yards and gardens need lots of work in preparation for the coming winter, even though we still have some more warm weather to look forward to.

While the fall and winter contest season hasn't officially started yet, the second weekend in September this year offered many different activities on the air for all classes of operators.

Activities during this weekend included the "ARRL September VHF QSO Party", "North American Sprint" (SSB), the "Worked All Europe DX Contest" and several special events, including the first day of the week-long annual "Route 66" event.

Saturday morning, cup of coffee in hand, I wandered out to the shack just see if anyone was around. To my surprise 20-meters was open to Europe, with many stations heard at 59 or better.

By 9:30 am I was delighted to have six countries in the log, including Poland, Luxembourg, Latvia, Slovenia, Austria and England. Even better, three of the six were "new-ones" for my KD7VIK call.

By the end of the day, with a couple of nap breaks, eighteen European stations had been worked. The North American Sprint Contest was well into its 4-hour run and it was time to pull the plug.

I'd love to hear from anyone else who was on the air during this busy weekend.

73 – Ron O'Connor KD7VIK

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